

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/JP03/10734

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
Int.Cl⁷ A61B5/044, A61B5/00, G01D7/00

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P, X P, A	JP 2003-559 A (Fukuda Denshi Co., Ltd.), 07 January, 2003 (07.01.03), Full text; all drawings (Family: none)	1-3, 6-11, 14 4, 5, 12, 15
X A	JP 10-505515 A (GW Scientific, Inc.), 02 June, 1998 (02.06.98), Page 14, lines 10 to 18; page 21, lines 9, 10; page 30, lines 1 to 19; Figs. 3, 10, 55 & WO 96/2185 A1 & US 5891044 A & US 5718235 A & EP 771170 A	1-3, 7-11, 14 4, 5, 6, 12, 15

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C.

☐ See patent family annex.

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Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	JP 4-504966 A (Air-Shields., Inc.), 03 September, 1992 (03.09.92), Page 6, upper left column, line 17 to page 8, lower right column, line 7; Figs. 1 to 7 & WO 90/9146 A1 & US 5206807 A & EP 460054 A	1-3, 6-11, 14 4, 5, 12, 15

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 13

because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Claim 13 is directed to a vital sign display xxx for displaying a vital sign and relates to mere presentation of information. The subject matter is not required to be searched by the International Searching Authority under PCT Article 17(2)(a)(i) and PCT Rule 39.1(v).

2. ☐ Claims Nos.:

because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. ☐ Claims Nos.:

because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

The technical feature common claims 1-12, 14, 15 is that it is judged whether or not the condition of an organism indicated by a biological information is abnormal, the biological signal is converted according to the judgment into a vital sign enabling judgment whether or not the organism is abnormal, the vital sign is displayed, and the record of the vital signs is so displayed for confirmation that the vital signs are sequentially arranged in order of time. However, the technical feature makes no contribution over the prior art since it is publicly known as disclosed in JP 10-505515 A, and JP 4-504966 A. Therefore, this common technical feature cannot be a special technical feature (Continued to extra sheet)

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.

2. ☒ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.

3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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within the meaning of PCT Rule 13.2, second sentence. Consequently, since there is no other technical feature common to the inventions of independent claims 1, 2, 3, 10, 11, 14 and the inventions of independent claims 5, 12, 15, claims 1-12, 14, 15 do not comply with the requirement of unity of invention.